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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/47/832)]

47/218. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the existing groups of Member States for the apportionment of the costs of peace-keeping operations financed through assessed contributions, 1/

Also having considered the note by the Secretary-General 2/ transmitting a communication from Czechoslovakia to the Fifth Committee,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council in the financing of peace-keeping operations, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, entitled "General principles to serve as guidelines for the sharing of the costs of future peace-keeping operations involving heavy expenditures",

Recalling its resolution 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973, in which the composition of groups for the assessment of contributions to the United Nations Emergency Force is set out, and its subsequent resolutions relating to the composition of groups, the latest of which is resolution 47/41 of 1 December 1992 on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia,

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1/ A/47/484.

2/ A/C.5/47/22.

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Also recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by peace-keeping operations, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Reaffirming that the financing of peace-keeping operations is the collective responsibility of all Member States, in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

I

Recalling paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992 on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force,

1. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the apportionment of the appropriations referred to in General Assembly resolutions 46/233 of 19 March 1992, 46/222 B and 46/240 of 22 May 1992, 46/195 B of 31 July 1992 and 47/41 of 1 December 1992, that:

(a) San Marino shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (b) of Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989 and that its contributions to the financing of peace-keeping operations shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments;

(b) Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of Assembly resolution 43/232, that their contributions to the financing of peace-keeping operations shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments, and that the assessment rate of the Russian Federation shall be based on its relevant regular budget assessment rates;

2. Takes note of the fact that Czechoslovakia will cease to exist as at 31 December 1992; 3/

II

Recognizing that the composition of groups for the apportionment of peace-keeping expenses presently applied constitutes an ad hoc arrangement,

Noting that the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the existing groups of Member States for the apportionment of the costs of peace-keeping operations financed through assessed contributions 1/ has not addressed all the aspects in the allocation of countries to the four groups as set out in the relevant General Assembly resolutions for the financing of peace-keeping operations,

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3/ See A/47/774.

Requests the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to call together an open-ended working group of the Fifth Committee during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly to examine the placement of Member States in the groups for the apportionment of peace-keeping expenses, with the objective of establishing standard criteria, in order to ensure that that placement is applied in a consistent manner which could be used to allocate Member States to the groups for all future peace-keeping operations, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

III

Recalling its resolutions 44/192 A to C of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations 4/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 5/

Also having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States, 6/

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peace-keeping operations,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations, 4/ and concurs with the observations and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 5/

2. Also takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States, 6/ and requests the Secretary-General to keep this matter under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

3. Encourages those Member States which have not yet responded to the questionnaire sent out by the Secretary-General requesting information on military salary scales in effect as at December 1991 to do so as rapidly as possible;

4. Notes with concern that, in consequence of the shortfall of financial contributions, troop-contributing States are not being reimbursed to the full extent of the established rates for some operations;

5. Reaffirms its request that the Secretary-General, to the extent possible, make payment of arrears due to current and former troop-contributing States;

6. Invites the Secretary-General, as chief administrative officer, to continue the strengthening and reform of the Secretariat units dealing with

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4/ A/47/655 and Corr.1.

5/ A/47/757.

6/ A/47/776.

peace-keeping operations, so that they can deal effectively and efficiently with the planning, launching, ongoing management and termination of those operations;

7. Reiterates its call upon all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full and on time, and encourages those States which can do so to make voluntary contributions acceptable to the Secretary-General;

8. Notes that the reports requested of the Secretary-General on the reserve stock of commonly used equipment and supply items and the use of civilians in peace-keeping operations, in paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 45/258, have not been submitted, and requests that these reports be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

9. Also notes that the report requested of the Secretary-General in paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 45/258 on a review of the present practices and approaches regarding the calculation of expenditures incurred by the United Nations in the conduct of peace-keeping operations, including the financial arrangements of the Organization with Governments in respect of such calculations, has not yet been submitted, and requests that this report be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations";

IV

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus 7/ and the decision of the Security Council as contained in its resolution 796 (1992) of 14 December 1992,

Having noted the appeal of the Secretary-General to all Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Special Account for the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, 8/

Invites all States Members of the United Nations to respond positively to the appeal of the Secretary-General for voluntary contributions to the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus.

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7/ S/24917 and Add.1.

8/ See S/24938.